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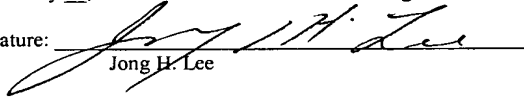
Applicant(s) : MICHENFELDER et al.  
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For : **RAIN SENSOR**  
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**AMENDMENT**

SIR:

This Amendment addresses the Office Action dated May 23, 2001, it is respectfully requested that the above-identified application be amended as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim 37 as follows:

37. (Amended) The rain sensor according to claim 20, wherein:  
where an infrared light is used, the light conducting element is formed of a black plastic.

**REMARKS**

Claims 20-41 are pending in the present application. Claim 37 has been amended. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.